



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

## **UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN BREAK IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD**

**December 20, 2019, Noon**

Following is an update on City operations related to a 54-inch sewer main break located on SE 10 Street along the north side of Virginia Young Park in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

**\*\*\* A media briefing regarding the sewer main break is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. today, Friday, December 20, 2019, in the City Hall 8th Floor Conference Room at 100 North Andrews Avenue \*\*\***

### **Operations**

- In the early morning hours, crews working on the repair of the sewer main break on Ponce de Leon Drive deactivated the 32-inch bypass line and began redirecting flow into the repaired 54-inch sewer main.
- A short time after the line was put back into service, a new break occurred in the same 54-inch pipe on SE 10 Street along the north side of Virginia Young Park.
- Emergency crews were mobilized and additional resources were called in to respond to the situation.
- Crews are currently working to contain the spill and clear the streets in the affected area.
- A total of 14 tanker and vacuum trucks have been deployed and pumping operations are taking place at locations in the vicinity of the site to help clear water from the street.
- Once the spill is contained, crews will focus on how to best repair the broken section of pipe.
- It is important for our neighbors to be aware that the sewer main break does not impact drinking water. There are no boil water advisories.
- Neighbors in the affected area should avoid contact with any standing water. If contact is made, please remember to follow proper hygiene procedures. Wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Residents who have questions, may contact the City's 24 hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000. Neighbors may also check the City's website at [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov) for more updates as they become available.
- Garbage collection has been suspended for today in the affected area. Additional information about the resumption of garbage collection will be forthcoming when available.

### **Road Closures**

- Roads in the immediate vicinity of the sewer main break are closed including SE 10 Street between SE 9 Avenue and Rio Vista Boulevard, as well as Rio Vista Boulevard between SE 9 Avenue and SE 9 Street.
- Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way.

### **Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities**

- A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.
- The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Water-related activities including swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and canoeing should be avoided within these boundaries.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

-To view updates on the City's website, please visit <http://bit.ly/2rBJhLk>.

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